

TOWN OF HOPEDALE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:00 pm

<u>Dennett Auditorium</u> <u>Junior-Senior High School</u> 25 Adin Street

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School located at 25 Adin Street, Hopedale, MA 01747, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm, then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$70,000 to fund a Settlement Agreement with a former Town employee, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 2 AGREEMENT FOR JUDGMENT (Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$39,400 pursuant to an Agreement for Judgment between the Town of Hopedale and High Hopes, LLC, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 3 PRIOR YEAR BILLS (Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §64 to transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal year(s), or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 4 SUPPLEMENT FY 2023 BUDGETS (Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement FY 2023 Operating Budgets, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 5 FUND DEFICIT IN RECYCLING CENTER REVOLVING FUND (Board of Health)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary to fund the FY 2023-deficit in account 28-300-3560-3611, Recycling Center Revolving Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 6 CREATE OPIOID SETTLEMENT STABILIZATION FUND (Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.40, §5B, to create a new special purpose stabilization fund, to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and, further, to adopt the last paragraph of said §5B and dedicate to such fund, without further appropriation, 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 7 FUND EXPENSES FOR ASSESSOR'S VALUATIONS AND RECERTIFICATION (Board of Assessors)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$24,866.30 from the Appellate Tax Board account (approved under Article 5 of the November 2019 Special Town Meeting) for the purpose of funding expenses associated with Real and Personal Property valuations and recertification, or take any other action related thereto.

MAY 16, 2023 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen (14) days before the holding of said meeting. Here of fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given our hands this 24th day of April, 2023.

HOPEDALE SELECT BOARD

Glenda A. Hazard, Chair

Bernard √. Stock

Brian R. Keyes

A True Copy, ATTEST

Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk

Posted in the Town Hall, Police Station and Post Office Lobby

Constable

Date

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